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Students View Recruiting CIA Remains Tight-lipped

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All in the name of freedom, participants in a SGB-sponsored open discussion defended varying postions on Brown's recruiting policy. The program was designed to stimulate campus discussion culminating in a student poll on Friday.

At the same time, Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, professor of political science, informed the HERALD that Mr. Richard Helms, Director of the CIA had declined to send a representative to speak on agency policy at Brown. According to Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms stated that the CIA is a "service organization" that does not make its own policy.

The SGB discussion of recruiting policy centered around the issues of the educational function of the university, its role as an institution whose basic

principle is free inquiry, and its responsibility to provide students with opportunities to speak with recruiters.

Before the discussion was opened to the floor, opening addresses were presented supporting a proposal that Brown make recruiting contingent upon holding an open forum and another that recruiting be allowed without a forum as a prerequisite requirement.

Arnold E. Strasser, graduate student, defending the former position, stated that recruiting is not a proper educational function of the university. "A university should be an autonomous body of critical scholars. It is now neither autonomous nor critical," he said.

Taking the opposing position, John Dystel '67, maintained that "education is everything you can learn" and in this

sense, recruiting is educational.

When the discussion was opened to the floor, a sizeable portion of the comments emphasized the role of recruiting as a valuable convenience provided students by the university and expressed hope that recruiting be continued.